November 18, 2026

Hood River Valley Christian Church Newsletter

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Sunday Worship: 10:30am | **Minister:** Rev. Alicia Speidel (aliciaspeidel@gmail.com)
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Mission statement: Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through service, stewardship & generosity.

Values statements: Welcoming with warmth and respect, community partnerships, worshipping God with thanksgiving, outreach without borders, and caring relationships.

Sunday Worship

9:30 Adult Lectionary Preview
10:30 Worship
Link to Worship on November 15- Facebook

Prayer Requests

Sharon & Gordon Cook **Olson Family** **Bill & Lauree Winfield** **Bev Carpenter**
Tyler Luna **Sims Family** **Crosswhite Family** **Leslie Melby**

Please email any prayer requests to hrvcchurch@gmail.com or call our office at 541-386-2608.



Kathie McCaw- 06
Mary Jane Larreau- 13
Brandon Smiley- 13
Susan Eskildsen-29
Jennifer Stager- 09
Suzanne Maurer- 10
Judy Kenyon- 17



This past week I met with Linda about her upcoming baptism. It was wonderful to talk about what baptism means, how it connects to our faith, and what it means with our relationship with God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. We talked about it being a covenant, an agreement between us and God to be faithful to one another. She shared how excited she is about being baptized. I told her we are all excited for her too.

We also talked about the importance of the congregation being present to witness her baptism and continue supporting her in her faith journey. This aspect of baptism is so important. Linda's face lit up when I talked about the congregation looking forward to her baptism and cheering her on in this way. I told her she would walk out with me at the end of the worship service to have everyone greet her and congratulate her. Linda smiled upon hearing this.

Baptism is important as it signifies someone's commitment to their faith and being a Christian. Linda is ready to take this step with her church family, own family and friends present. Make sure to come on Sunday, November 29 to support her as her faith community.

~Pastor Alicia





Thanksgiving Fellowship & Sweet Treats

Take a moment to pause, connect, and give thanks! **Join us on November 22 following worship for our Thanksgiving Fellowship Hour.** We'll be serving up a variety of tasty appetizers and delicious desserts. Bring your family, invite a neighbor, and let's celebrate our community together. *There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex; please let us know if you plan on bringing something to share.*



Get ready to deck the halls of our sanctuary! We are gathering on Saturday, November 28, at 10:00 AM to decorate the church for the Advent season, and we need your help to transform our worship space. Whether you're great at hanging greenery, setting up nativity scenes, or simply willing to lend a hand with heavy lifting, there's a spot for you on the team. Bring yourself, bring a friend, and help us prepare our hearts and our church for the coming season of hope and joy!





<u>Celebrating New Life in Christ!</u>

Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 29, as we celebrate the baptism of *Linda Thomas* during our morning worship service.

Baptism is a beautiful public declaration of faith and a joyous milestone for our entire church family. Let's gather to surround Linda with our love, prayers, and encouragement as she takes this step.

Women's MINISTRY

The women's annual Christmas luncheon will be Saturday, December 5, at the Hood River Inn (Best Western at the bridge). It will begin at noon, and since parking is at a premium, plan to sign up for the bus or carpool. The bus will leave the church at 11:30 and stop at Down Manor as needed.
There is no cost for the event since last winter's annual meeting voted to use Women's Ministries' 2026 extra funds for the Christmas celebration.
Please sign up in the narthex as soon as possible, though reservations can be made through Sunday, November 29. We will again collect snack items for the warming shelter residents; but instead of bringing them to the luncheon, please bring them to the church during the month of December.





We are *over halfway* there to reaching the goal of $33,000 for our mini capital campaign. Your faithful contributions have amounted to $20,650. Thank you for your generous giving. As we continue to strive to meet this goal, are you able to give above and beyond? Are you able to financially contribute to the improvements and upcoming improvements here at the church? If yes, please make sure to designate your gift to mini capital campaign. Thank you for your faithful support of this faith community.

With the holidays, there usually are more opportunities to recycle—more paper, plastics, aluminum foil and plates, etc. We continue to recycle many things which are not included in curbside pick up; there is a list in the narthex (and an updated list will be available in January).

Link to MCCAC's bi-monthly Newsletter- [Bi-Monthly Newsletter November 2026]



Church Calendar

Wednesday November 18
9:00am-12pmThrift Shop Open
Thursday November 19
1:30pm Chimes practice
5:30pm Board meeting!
Saturday November 21
9:00am-12pm Thrift Shop Open
Sunday November 22
Thanksgiving Fellowship Hour
9:30am Lectionary Preview
10:30am Worship
Thanksgiving fellowship hour after worship!
4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship
Tuesday November 24
10:00am Women's Bible Study
Wednesday November 25
9:00am-12pmThrift Shop Open
Thursday November 26- Happy Thanksgiving!
Saturday November 28
9:00am-12:00pm Thrift shop Open
10:00am Decorating for Advent!
Sunday November 29- 1st Sunday of Advent
9:30am Lectionary Preview
10:30am Worship
4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship
Tuesday December 01
10:00am Women's Bible Study
Wednesday December 02
9:00am-12pmThrift Shop Open
Thursday December 03
1:30pm Chimes practice
Saturday December 05
9:00am-12:00pm Thrift shop Open
7:00pm Mid Columbia Community Choir concert
Sunday December 06-2nd Sunday of Advent
9:30am Lectionary Preview
10:30am Worship
4:00pm Hope and Life Church worship

Serving Sunday November 22, 2026

Elder this week	Jerry Sawyer
Communion prep	Maggie Strasser
Coffee hour	Carol Sabins
Deacon	Scott + Laurie

Scriptures for November 22, 2026

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Serving Sunday November 29, 2026

Elder this week	Jennifer Stager
Communion prep	Judy Hiatt
Coffee hour	Carol Sabins
Deacon	Sue + Woody

Scriptures for November 29, 2026

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

